

The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on January 22, 1979 with Chairman, Thomas E. Colgan presiding.

As required by Senate Bill No. 256, the following is the list of the attenders at this meeting:

William Morley	Paul Thompson	Mary Morley
Barbara Fenske	Thomas E. Colgan	Sarah Hamburger
Reese P. Davis	Gail W. Rinehart	Beatrice Jaffe
Ethel G. Monfort	Kathleen W. Worth	Lee Starr
Rae Gerstine	John Grimaldi	Alan Burslem
Maria Burslem	Barnes King	Ruth Shaw
Eugene Shaw	Carolyn Liberman	Yvonne King
Marjorie van Gulick	James Tull	Aaron Hamburger
Joan W. Colgan	Nancy Hajar	Eony Colgan
Andrew Foote	Frank Herzog	Alton Dahl
Linda E. Shinn	Beverly Barnett	James Shinn
Thomas Stapleford	Helen Macklem	John D. Hewlett
Cy Liberman	Ruth Estes	June Kleban
Alfred Bratten	Jean Brachman	Bernard Brachman
Bunni Hurlong	Pat Renzetti	Frank Akutowicz
Bert Passanante	Mary Jane Jackson	Chris Jackson
Bunnie Brand(n.V.)	Michael K. Curtis	Harold R. Monfort
Mary Burslem	Woodrow Vandever	Irene Heymann
Paul B. Owens (n. V.)	David Richardson	Peter Brachman

Minutes of the September and December meetings approved as circulated. Cy Liberman reported for the Trustees that they have been trying to maximize receipt of interest on the Reserve Fund. The expenditures from the budget were distributed and the financial report is on file. Report accepted unanimously.

Assessors report presented by Harold Monfort: The newly elected board met on January 16, 1979. Harold Monfort was elected Chairman and John Hewlett elected Secretary. Committee meeting dates have been set up as follows: April 18, May 8, June 7 and June 12 to convene at 8 P. M. at Von Dreele's. Open meetings are to be May 23 and June 4 at 8 P. M. in the Buzz Ware Village Center. A short discussion took up matters pertaining to the determination of full rental value. Report accepted unanimously.

No reports from the Auditing or Budget Committees.

Civic Committee report presented by Reese Davis: The committee held two regular and one special meeting since September.

The Town Trash collection service began on January 1, 1979 with Hope's Suburban Garbage, Inc. as the town contractor. All things considered, the start-up problems have been relatively minor. Residents that having continuing difficulties should contact Kathy Worth. We have retained George Kershaw to plow and sand town roads as required. Residents that park cars on the roads will hinder and even make impossible a completely satisfactory plowing job. Our Federal EDA "Drainage and Street Improvement" project has been completed and the final reports have been sent to the appropriate government agencies. The committee restates the policy with regards to cutting wood in the Arden forests. Residents may cut and remove any wood that is on the ground and no permission is required. However, the Civic Committee strictly controls the cutting of standing, dead trees. Trees that are deemed to be a danger to leaseholds or rights-of-way will be felled by a town contractor. Other dead trees are normally left standing. Exceptions to this should be brought to the Civic Committee. In no case may a person fell a dead tree in the Arden woods without producing evidence of adequate liability insurance coverage.

In the matter of excessive overgrowth of shrubs at intersections creating hazardous driving conditions, the Civic and Safety Committees have agreed to the following:

1. Notification of an alleged hazardous condition should be brought to the attention of the Safety Committee.
2. The Safety Committee shall make a determination as to the existence of a traffic hazard.
3. If a hazardous condition does in fact exist the Safety Committee shall request the Trustees to take whatever appropriate action is required to get the leaseholder to correct the condition.
4. If the above action does not produce a correction, the Civic Committee shall be directed to cut back the obstruction in a manner as to solve the problem for at least one year.

Under old business we will have the third and final reading of the proposed amendment to Ordinance #6. Under new business we will introduce a motion to increase the fee for Road Excavation Permits from \$5 to \$10.

If residents find signs directing traffic flow are down or vandalized, the Safety Committee Chairman, Thomas Stapleford should be notified. The report of the committee was accepted unanimously.

Cy Liberman reported for the Community Planning Committee that they have not any progress in the acquisition of the 5 acres for sale on Marsh Road except in the realm of ideas. The committee is trying to get copies of the Arden to all new residents.

Registration Committee report was presented by Sarah Hamburger:

There are 397 eligible voters as of January 22, 1979.

Result of referendum is as follows:

Assessors elected: Carl Von Dreele, Aaron Hamburger, Harold Monfort, John Grimaldi, Eugene Shaw, John Hewlett, Elizabeth Varley.

All items of the Budget were passed. Those items receiving the most negative votes were Town Trash collection-65, Playground Committee-28. Buzz Ware Village Center-23, and Roads-20.

The Land Rent as assessed by the Board of Assessors accepted by 219 which was a majority vote.

The motion made that 10% be added to Assessors' base rates so as to increase total income by 10% was defeated by a vote of 53.

The Registration Committee has now arranged to get a bulk mailing permit which has reduced the cost of mailing all notices when the amount is 200 or over in one zone.

The Registration committee held one block party at the Meltons' in December and are planning another one in February. There will be five in all.

The report was accepted unanimously.

Safety Committee report presented by Thomas Stapleford:

The committee has voted to proceed with the implementation of a Neighborhood Watch Program. Further details will be distributed in the near future when the committee receives the forms from the New Castle County Police Department

Recent instances of vandalism at several locations have been investigated by N.C. C P.D (some instances were not reported to them.) A common thread in most of these recent instances is the presence of alcohol in gatherings of underage (20 in Delaware) children. The committee has discussed the possibility of additional police attention with N CCPD, and additional patrols are expected. Two arrests for underage possession have been made in Arden of Arden teenagers since the first of the year.

The Safety committee intends to confront the parents of children in groups where alcohol or vandalism is observed.

Thomas Colgan, Nancy Hajar, and Karen Florschutz are completing their two year terms, and I would like to express my appreciation for their dedication and service to the town.

The committee reported 25 burglaries and criminal mischief in 1978 and 24 cases in 1977. There has been a rash of one-way signs being reversed and stop signs stolen. This can very dangerous and if anyone observes this, it should be reported to the committee immediately.

Barnes King arrested a young Arden resident for speeding and going wrong way on a one-way street. His arrest was met with very abusive language. Barnes King appeared in court against him, but the judge dismissed all charges against the young man. It was felt that this matter should be reported to the Chief Justice of State Supreme Court. The report of the committee was accepted unanimously.

The following resolution was made and passed unanimously: "The Town Assembly of Arden deplores a recent court decision which we believe reduces respect for law enforcement and advances the view that law breakers will not be successfully prosecuted in the courts of Delaware.

The Town Assembly requests that this decision, and any similar ones affecting law enforcement in this village, be brought to the attention of proper authorities, including the Council on the Administration of Justice. We hereby create a special committee consisting of the Trustees of Arden, The Town Assembly chairman and the chairman of the Arden Safety Committee to pursue this matter with those authorities."

The Town Assembly paused in general business to honor Denise Bratten. She represented Delaware at the Orange Bowl Festival in Miami, December 26-January 3. She had been selected the homecoming queen at Delaware Technical and Community College to become eligible for selection by the Associated Collegiate Press. The Agree All-American Homecoming Queens Program is sponsored nationally by Johnson Wax. Arden is proud of Denise, and Thomas Colgan presented her with a Certificate of Merit.

Buzz Ware Village Center Committee report was made by Marjorie van Gulick:

The center continues to be used by a variety of groups. In November the Center was the site for the first recital of a newly formed group, "The Delaware Musicales Society."

In December their second annual Christmas/was held and on December 17 a concert of Christmas music was held.

Vandalism remains a problem. The committee urges resident to keep watch and check on and report any unusual activity.

A number of repairs have been necessary to the heating system amounting to \$1000. However, they will not have definite information regarding the leak until warmer weather. The report accepted unanimously.

Arden Playground Committee report by Beverly Barnett in the absence of Chairman, Frank Heymann.

Timothy Moore resigned from the committee and Russell McKinney was selected to replace him. The committee's slate for March election will be presented with the Advisory Committee's list. Two inspections and work sessions were held since the September Town Assembly. Major repairs were to the swings on Green and Village Center, the picnic tables at the Village Center, and the jungle gym and basketball backstop.

Work planned for remainder of Fiscal year 1978.

Remove hard blacktop under swings on Village Green, or cover with protective material such as pea-gravel. Repair loose supports at bottom of BWVC slide; Remove or replace screening over the top of the baseball backstop on the Green. Add an additional handrail to the slide on the Green. Begin long-term planning for further development of the Arden playgrounds.

Hugh Roberts has replaced George Kazan as Chairman of Art Acquisition Committee. Total collected so far is \$285. and the committee requests donations.

Old Business: The Motion was made by John Hewlett, seconded by Joan Colgan that Section 2 of Ordinance No. 6-Excavations in Village Roads be amended to read "Road Excavation Permit. All excavations in Village roads, regardless of the nature, require the prior issuance of a Road Excavation Permit, obtainable from the Village Treasurer with payment of a fee to be determined by the Civic Committee with the consent of the Town Assembly" This is the third reading of the amendment and it passed unanimously.

Pat Liberman reminded the Town Assembly that tentative plans were made to have an 80th Birthday party of the Village on May 15, 1980. If this event is to be held, a committee should begin to make plans. A motion was made and passed unanimously "To call for volunteers to form a committee to plan Arden's 80th Birthday Celebration on May 15, 1980 or near that date. Pat Liberman was asked to be the convener of the committee and she accepted that duty.

A motion was made and passed unanimously that the fee for road Excavation permit be increased from \$5. to \$10.

The Advisory Committee report of nominees for Standing Committee was presented by Mary Morly for the Chairman Hugh Roberts. An asterisk besides a name indicates that the individual is presently serving on the committee.

Auditing Committee: William Bailey, William Bindloss*, Alton Dahl*,

Finn Hannover, James Shinn*, Leslie Stanford

Budget Committee: William Berry, William Bindloss, Clyde Davis, William Press, David Richardson, James Southwell

Civic Committee: Joan Colgan*, Reese Davis*, Warren Davis, Gail Rinehart, Eugene Shaw*, James Shinn

Community Planning Committee: Alice Barron withdrew her name from nomination. Richard Florschutz*, Cy Liberman*, Ethel Monfort*, Patricia Press Mary Ann Stevens, Bunni Hurlong was nominated from the floor.

Registration Committee: Ruth Estes, Elvie Grimaldi, Beatrice Jaffe*, Carolyn Liberman, Virginia Shaw*, Linda Shinn

Safety Committee: The following withdrew from nomination: Thomas Colgan, Karen Florschutz, Nancy Hajar, Shaul Gladstone. Those remaining were Tony Colgan, Bert Passanante. The following were nominated from the floor: Bunnie Brand, Andrew Foote, Christopher Jackson, David Richardson.

Buzz Ware Village Center: John Brand, Alan Burslem, Yvonne King, June Kleban*, Kimberly Landis, Kathryn Peterson

Playground Committee: Beverly Barnett*, John Brand, Maria Burslem, Marianne Cinaglia* Finn Hannover, Frank Heymann*, Russell McKinney*, Irene Morley. The following were nominated from the floor: Irene Heymann, Linda Shinn.

Chairman of Town Assembly Thomas Colgan*, Michael Curtis
Advisory Committee Chairman: Hugh Roberts*
Secretary of Town Assembly- Mary Morley*
Treasurer of Town Assembly- Rae Gerstine*

Under Good and Welfare Michael Curtis invited everyone to his new class studying Progress and Poverty starting February 13.

Joan Colgan asked what is being done about a fence between Sunset Farms and Arden to protect the Sherwood Forest. The Community Planning Committee have been trying to get costs of fencing the area. It was suggested that rules be adopted for use of the forest and the new community be alerted to them. It was also pointed out that the area is really park land and is open to all. The Community Planning Committee was advised to investigate all the laws that pertain to exclusion of people from park land before any final action is taken.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Morley
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Secretary